The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thurſday, January 19, 1727.

From the Flying Poſt, Jan. 12.

Petersburg, Dec. 24.

THE Czarina's honouring the Prince Peter Alexowitz, Grandſon to the late Czar, with the Order of St. Andrew, and the particular Notice the Empreſs takes of him, creats many Speculations; it has been given out, that ſhe deſigns to marry him to the Princeſs Elizabeth Petrowna, her youngeſt Daughter, in Caſe the Greek Church will allow or diſpenſe with ſuch a Match. The moſt conſiderable and learned of the Greek Papa's have been for ſome Days, by order of the Czarina, in the Library ſearching for a Precedent of this Kind; but they have now referred it to a Council, which is to be held. Some imagine that the Czarina deſigns to defer the Declaration of her Succeſſor, till ſhe ſees whether the Duke of Holſtein will have a Son by her eldeſt Daughter, his Dutcheſs, and that in this Caſe ſhe deſigns the Crown of Ruſſia for that Son. It is now given out at Court, that her Majeſty will certainly go for Riga towards the End of January, and that ſome Ruſſian Lords are expected from Moſcow to receive her Commands, and to confer with the Miniſtry here. It freezes very hard here, and the Rivers are frozen over ſo, that the travelling with Sledges over all this Countrey is begun. The raiſing of new Troops goes on with great Succeſs.

From the Daily Journal, Jan. 12.

Madrid, Dec. 28. 'Tis here talked variouſly of the Enterprize thought to be againſt Gibraltar. The Corrigider of this Town, has pick'd up 1000 Men to be inliſted into the Service. They write from Cadix, that there was arrived from Majorca 324 Sailors; and that they expected 1000 more with the Ships of War, and Fregates from St. Andero.

Petersburg, Dec. 26. Yeſterday being the Feaſt of the Nativity, her Czarian Majeſty, accompanied by the Duke of Holſtein, his Brother the Biſhop of Eutin, the Hereditary Prince, Grandſon to the late Czar, the Princeſſes her Daughters and 12 of her principal Officers of the Court, went to the Church of St. Andrew; and after hearing a Sermon preached in the Ruſſian Language by the Biſhop of Novogrod, they had the Honour to dine with the Czarina, who entertained them in a ſumptuous Manner.

From the Amſterdam Gazette, Jan. 17.

St. Petersburg, Decem. 24. M. de Bruce, Grand Maſter of the Artillery, is about to make a Tour to Riga and the other conquered Countries, to viſit the Fortifications there. The new Fort they are making at Cronſlot, is to be planted with 30 Piece of Great Cannon.

From London, Jan. 10. The South-Sea Ship *The Royal George*, is arrived in the Downs from Jamaica.

From the Supplement to the Amſterd. Gazette, Jan. 17.

Conſtantinople, Nov. 25. The Grand Signor is much indiſpoſed; 'tis reckoned, that in caſe he die, the Janizaries will endeavour to place a Son of the late Sultan upon the Throne, tho' his preſent Highneſs has 6 Sons capable to ſucceed him. *Vox populi!*

Stockholm, Jan. 1. The Entertainment which Pr Dolhorucki, Ambaſſador of Ruſſia, gave the 26th paſt, was among the moſt magnificent: The Counteſs of Horn, the Marſhal of the Dyet's Lady, was Queen of the Ball; the Counteſs de la Gardie, Vice-Queen; the Count de Platen, Grand Muſſhal of the Duke of Holſtein, was King; and the young Prince Dolhorucki, Viceroy. This Ambaſſador has obtained, that Commiſſioners be appointed to enter into Conference with him upon the Matters he is charged with. The Britiſh Miniſter has alſo preſented a Memorial, demanding a categorical Anſwer touching the Acceſſion of Sweden to the Hanover Treaty.

Soffinguen, Jan. 5. The Recruits for Holland are ready to go thither, by way of France.

Vienna, Jan. 4. The King of Poland has given the Emperor to underſtand, That the 16,000 Men he is to furniſh to his Imperial Majeſty, are ready to march on the firſt Warning. The Duke of Wolfembuttle has declared the ſame, with Regard to the 8000 Men he is to furniſh.

Rome, Dec. 28. On Monday laſt died here the Car-

Cardinal Buſſi, aged ſixty nine Years. The Pope having been informed the new Franciſcan Cardinal, appeared in publick with a magnificent Retinue, and had aſſumed the Name of Cardinal Cozza, the Pope has ſent him a Meſſage, deſiring he may mind his Primitive State, to be modeſt in his Equipage, and to take only the Name of Cardinal de *St. Laurence de la Grotte*, a little Place in Recanatti, and Macerata.

From London, Jan. 10. The Count de Broglio the French Ambaſſador at this Court, is not to continue long here, having demanded to be recalled in order to ſerve in the Army, being actually a Lieutenant-General, and in the Leet for Marſhal of France. Beſides the *Royal George*, which is arrived in the Downs, the *Cleveland* is alſo come up. The Squadron appointed for the Baltick is to be more numerous than laſt Year.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Jan. 12.

Paris, Jan. 18. The Lords of the Court and Officers begin to buy up Horſes. The 10th Inſt. the King ſent a Courier for the Marſhal Berwick and the Count de Beliſle to come to Marli; and after their Arrival, an extraordinary Council was held upon the preſent State of Affairs.

From the Evening Poſt, January 12.

Dover, Jan. 9. Laſt Night came to this Town the Spaniſh Ambaſſador, to go for Oſtend; but the Wind blowing ſo very hard, no Veſſel can go out of this Harbour.

London, Jan. 12. There is Advice that the Bellamont, Capt. Bennet, being fully laden, bound for London, was ſtopped at the Havana by Admiral Caſtagnetta on the 25th of October.

As there us'd to be only two Grand Days in a Week at the Admiralty-office, viz. Tueſdays and Thurſdays, their Lordſhips will begin next Week to ſit every Day for the more ſpeedy Diſpatch of Buſineſs.

The *Samuel*, bound from Guinea to Jamaica with Slaves, was obliged, by reaſon of Sickneſs and want of Proviſions, to put in at Cuba; but was forced away from thence, leaving the Maſter and 5 Men aſhore, and was afterwards driven to Vera Crux, having only 25 Negroes on board her alive.

From the St. James's Evening Poſt. Jan. 12.

Vienna, Jan. 1. Our Miniſters of State had not had ſo much Work upon their Hands a great while. Yeſterday an extraordinary Council was held, to which the Spaniſh as well as German Miniſters were called in. The Duke of Holſtein is on the Point of acceding to the Vienna Treaty. The Engliſh Miniſter ſends every Week an Expreſs to his Court. The Engliſh, Dutch and French Miniſters have had ſeveral Conferences with ours about the Oſtend Company. The Duke de Richlieu, Ambaſſador of France, has put off his Departure, by virtue of an expreſs Order from his Court. The Likelihood of War grows upon us daily.

Peterſburg, Decem. 12. We have Advice by way of Aſtracan, That the Commiſſaries of the Ottoman Porte for Regulation of the Borders, had refuſed to enter into Conferences with thoſe of the Czarina, becauſe the Porte has not yet acknowledged the Czarina for Empreſs of Great Ruſſia; and beſides, becauſe their full Powers do not authorize them to yield one Foot of Land in Georgia to her Czariſh Majeſty. Lieutenant-General Haſſ is arrived at Derbent with a Body of 6000 Men, and the Veſſels laden with Proviſions for the Troops are alſo arrived there from Aſtracan.

Hague, Jan. 14. N. S. The Prolongation of the Aſſembly of the States of Sweden, which was to continue but three Months, is a good Omen for the Allies of Hanover, and was for that Reaſon ſtrenuouſly oppoſed by the Duke of Holſtein's Party; one of whom (Collonel Stobes) had the boldneſs to charge the Marſhal of the Diet Count Horn in full Aſſembly, with Breach of Oath, if he gave his Conſent to the Prolongation: of which the Count complained to the Houſe, and the Collonel was thereupon in Danger of being caſt out of a Window, if his Friends had not appeaſed their Wrath; after which he was excuſed with asking the Count's Pardon.

Mr. Finch, Envoy of England, has communicated to this Court the Marquis de Pozzobueno's laſt Memorial, containing almoſt Six Sheets of Paper.

London, Jan. 12. Letters from the Havana, dated the 11. of November N. S. which came by Way of Cadix, ſay, That the Bellamont, Captain Bennet, who had brought Negroes to that Place, on Account of the South Sea Company, and had been loaden by their Factors, and ready to depart, was unfortunately ſtopped on the Arrival of Admiral Caſtagnetta; when an Embargo was laid on the Perſons and Effects of the Engliſh, which had been done before in the other Spaniſh Ports in thoſe Parts,

Parts, and which 'twas given out, would not be taken off till Admiral Hoſier withdrew his Squadroſs from before Porto Bello, or an Order came from the King of Spain for ſo doing.

A Copper Coffin, of curious Wormanſhip, weighing 200 Pound, has been lately furniſhed by M. Billeau a Brazier at Briſtol, for Sir William Pendarves of Cornwal, who having got immenſe Riches by the Copper Mines, was willing (among his other Curioſities in that Metal) to ſee this Repoſitory, which is one Day to hold his Bones.

The Regiments of Pocock, Hayes and Middleton, are come from Ireland, and have embarked on board Sir Charles Wager's Squadron.

Brigadier Honeywood having ſuppreſſed the riotous Weavers in the Weſt, is returned to Town.

A ſmall Ship is arrived at Cowes, who came from Gibraltar the 29th Ult. O. S. and on the 9th arrived in the Downs the *Benjamin*, Capt. Bennet, from Genoa, but laſt from Gibraltar, from whence ſhe came the 31ſt paſt, O. S. By both theſe Ships there comes Advice, That altho' the Spaniards increaſe daily in Number near Gibraltar, yet they had not committed any Act of Hoſtility. 'Tis true the Garriſon were in Expectation of being attacked, but reſolved on making a brave Defence, and ſupporting themſelves in the Place.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Jan. 14.

Since our laſt arrived 2 *Mails from Holland.*

WE think it may not be amiſs, under the preſent Juncture of Affairs, to give you ſome more of the Repreſentations, &c. contained in the Book mentioned in our laſt, which are inſert by way of Anſwer to theſe and the like Queſtions: Could not the Court of Great Britain all this while have try'd any other Methods, than alarming Europe with Fleets? The Methods of a friendly Congreſs, or Propoſals of a more peaceable and amicable Nature? *viz.*

The Pretences and Demands of the Alliance between the Emperor and Spain, whereby no Accommodation could be propoſed in the Caſe of the Demand of Gibraltar; whilſt the Nation ſeems univerſally to concur, that no Sum of Money, nor any other Place of Strength abroad, can be an Equivalent for it: What could be propoſed but a Reſolution to defend the Nation in its juſt Poſſeſſion thereof?

In the other great Caſe, That of the Emperor's new Eſtabliſhment at Oſtend, it was ſufficiently intimated to the Emperor, that the Britiſh Court pretended to nothing in this Affair, but to defend the Right of Trade belonging to Britain by Treaties; far from aſſuming to themſelves any Right of controuling the Emperor or his Subjects, in any Attempts not contrary to thoſe Treaties; That therefore, if the Emperor will remove this Company and Seat of Trade now at Oſtend, to Trieſte, or any other Place in his Dominions which did not heretofore belong to the Spaniſh Monarchy, Britain was always ready to acquieſce: But this Intimation had no Impreſſion at all; which however ſhows, that the Court of Great Britain, in the midſt of all Preparations for the Defence of the Nations Rights, has not neglected to try other Methods of a more peaceable and amicable Nature. And as nothing reaſonable has been wanting in the Way of an Accommodation on their Parts, they will not eaſily be blamed (yea, 'tis to be hoped, they will rather be highly commended) in that they have not permitted themſelves to be miſled by any ſmooth Words without any Meaning, or to be hindered from taking all neceſſary Precautions, by any Amuſements, or Congreſs or Negociations, only thrown in their Way to gain Time to others, and to looſe it to themſelves.

After all that has been reported concerning the Lord Carteret, and his Excellency Horatio Walpole, 'tis generally believ'd that the former will ſtay at home, and that the latter will go again as his Majeſty's Ambaſſador to the Court of France.

The Rt. Hon. William Pultney, Eſq; and moſt of all the Members of Parliament, except thoſe from Scotland and Wales, are arrived in Town.

They write from Dublin of the 5th Inſt. That all the Officers of the Army in that Kingdom, who are abſent from their Regiments by Leave from the Lords Juſtices, are ordered to repair immediately to their Poſts; That ſeveral Regiments were preparing to go thence for Gibraltar; and that General Macartney, Collonel Groves and Collonel Murray were arrived there.

We have the bad News, that on the 22d paſt was caſt away on the Rocks of Scilly, the *William and Mary* from Jamaica, Capt. Richards, who ſailed thence with the *Royal George* and her Convoy; the Surgeon and only one Paſſenger were drowned, and one of the Men endeavouring to ſave himſelf, was bruiſed to Death by the Wreck of a Ship. All had periſhed, if a Welſh Ship had not taken up the

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Master and his People. The Ship and Cargo were entirely lost.

There is no News yet of the *Royal George*, for whom 18 Guineas per Cent. Insurance are given, and 48 Guineas per Cent. are given for the *Prince Frederick*. Mean time we are told it was commonly reported at Jamaica, That a Treaty was on foot between Admiral Hozier (who 'tis said has lost a great many of his Men by Sickness) and the General of the Galleons, for delivering up the Ships detained on either Side.

The *Lively* Man of War has Orders to sail for Ireland, to assist and convoy the Regiments from thence for England.

From the Evening Post, Jan. 14.

Dantzick, January 8. Letters from Bialestock say, that on Christmass Day the King of Poland received the Sacrament, and caused his Dispositions in the Form of a Will, or Testament, for what his Majesty possesses in Poland, to be registrate, also his Majesty has sealed up with his own Hand in a little Box, all the rich Jewels he bequeaths to the Prince his Son. His Majesty, whom Pain makes very restless, longs to be removed to Warsaw, and a Litter is making for that Purpose. But his Physicians are against that Journey, apprehending, that both the Motion of the Carriage, and open Air, will occasion new Accidents to his Wounds, which are not yet closed up.

London, Jan. 14. 'Tis said that Sir John Norris will be ready to sail with a Squadron of Ships of War against the Beginning of next Month.

An Order is given for 3 Troops to be added to every Regiment of Horse and Dragoons, and two Companies to every Regiment of Foot.

S. S. Stock, 97, 1 5th. Ditto Annuities, 90, 1 4th. York Buildings, 5, 1 8th.

From the London Gazette, Jan. 14.

Lisbon, Jan. 4. N. S. The 31st past three English Men of War, the Stirling-Castle, Winchester, and Solebay, being Ships of Rear Admiral Hopson's Squadron, arrived here: The Stirling-Castle had lost her Bowsprit, Foremast and Maintopmast, in a violent Storm of Wind, which lasted eight and fourty Hours, the other two Ships received no Damage, and are preparing immediately to rejoin the Admiral.

Edinburgh, Jan. 19. Yesterday between 11 & 12 John Gibson stood on the Pillory, having his Ear nail'd thereto, and his Credentials affix'd to his Breast, *For Accession to the Crime of Forgery*, &c. pursuant to his Sentence by the Lords of Session. And next Week Mris. Macleod is to appear upon her Trial for the critical Part of that Story.

Some of the Baggage of Colonel Kirk's Regiment of Foot is come to Town, and the whole Battalion is expected here this Night and Tomorrow, from Fife.

P. S. We hear this Day the melancholly Account of the Burning of the New College of St. Andrews, Mr. Haklane Professor of Church History being burnt to Death in the Flames.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

✠ That on Thursday the 23d of February next, in John's Coffee-house, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 4 after Noon, the little Stone Land at the Foot of the Fish-market of Edinburgh, called BURTON's LAND; consisting of six Dwelling-houses, and two little Shops, the haill amounting to *L.* 205, 05, 08 Scots well paid yearly Rent: Will be exposed to voluntar Roup and Sale. The Rental, Progress, and Articles of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of Alexander Petry, in Mr. George Buchan's Office in Niddery's Wynd.

By Warrant of the Commissars of Edinburgh, there is to be sold by publick Roup, for ready Money, all Sorts of Goods and Grosserie Merchant Ware, which belonged to Umquhill James Reid Merchant in Edr. to begin Monday 23d Instant, at the Defunct's Shop above the Head of Fish Market Close, Edinburgh, at ten of the Clock Forenoon, and to continue daily from ten till twelve Forenoon, and from two till five Afternoon, till all be sold; and how soon the Goods in the Shop are sold, the Roup is to be adjourned to the Defunct's House within the Head of the Fish-Market Close, and to proceed as above, till the Goods in the Ware houses and Cellars there be all sold.

✠ There is fine Dunbar Malt, as also a strong white Italian Wine, in Chopin and Mutchken Bottles, to be sold at the Soap Work in the Dubraw of Leith, at reasonable Rates.

Fishery Office, Decem. 13. 1726.

The MANAGERS of the Fishing-Copartnery give Notice, That they are to expose to Sale by publick Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-market of Edinburgh, upon the 31st Day of January 1727. at 3 after Noon, the Copartnery's LANDS of Peterhead, and some FEUS and FISH-BOATS in Stonehaven. The Rental and Conditions of Sale to be seen at the Copartnery's Office.

¶ *Any that wants good fresh Rye-Grass Seed, may be furnished with the same. Enquire at John's Coffee house, and you may be informed.*

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